



Guide to ICANN62 Panama City



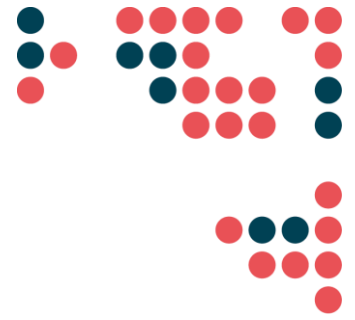
ccNSO and GAC key issues

June 2018

CENTR vzw/asbl
Belliardstraat 20 (6th floor)
1040 Brussels, Belgium

Phone: +32 2 627 5550
Fax: +32 2 627 5559
secretariat@centr.org

www.centr.org

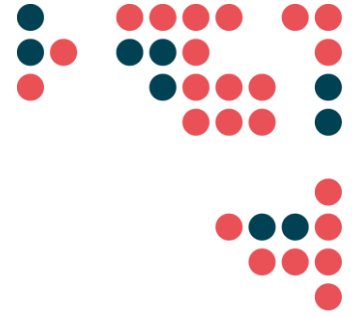


Contents

ccNSO pre-report	2
Updates from the ccNSO WGs and Committees	2
ccNSO participation in WT5	2
GDPR & WHOIS, WHOIS & GDPR, WHOIS and GDPR	2
ccNSO Policy Development Process – PDP Retirement Working Group update	3
Other sessions of interest	3
GAC pre-report	4
Introduction	4
Data protection and privacy	4
High Interest Session: Discussion with the Registration Directory Service Review Team	5
Geographic names at the top level; country codes at second level	5
GAC Capacity Building Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean Regions	6
GAC meeting with ALAC	6
GAC Commonwealth Meeting	6
ICANN Accountability	6
Meeting with the ICANN Board	6

Rate this CENTR Guide to ICANN62





ccNSO pre-report

This guide aims at highlighting those ccNSO sessions that might be most relevant to European ccTLDs. The ccNSO is doing an excellent job at making their meetings much more accessible. The following links provide detailed information on all sessions. The ccNSO agenda is available [on the ccNSO workspace](#) and the summaries of the ccNSO sessions are [available here](#).

Updates from the ccNSO WGs and Committees

Now that ICANN faces a budget crunch for the first time since the introduction of the new gTLDs, the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOP Committee) plays an important role in coordinating the ccTLD managers' input into ICANN strategic and operational planning. The group will provide an overview of its recent activities and upcoming work plan. Also to be expected: an interesting summary and update from their strategic session on Monday 25 June (see below). The committee's Chair (Giovanni Seppia, .eu) is always grateful for additional input and participation.

Other updates in this session: TLD-Ops (incident response community for and by ccTLDs) and the Guidelines Review Committee, which is currently reviewing some of the mechanics of the ccNSO procedures.

- Tuesday 25 June, 09.30 – 10.15 room Salon 4

ccNSO participation in WT5

The ccNSO is participating in the [Work Track 5](#) (WT5) under the GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process. Work Track 5 focusses on developing proposed recommendations regarding the treatment of geographic names at the top-level in any future rounds of new gTLD introductions. Plenty of details on process and progress can be found in in the [WT5 wiki](#). The size and complexity of this Policy Development Working group is so impressive that it even has its [own newsletter](#)!

During this session at the Panama meeting, the group will focus on country and territory names and the views of the ccTLD managers present. Feedback will be used by the ccNSO appointed members in the future discussions in the WT5. ccTLD input is crucial in this process. The ccNSO-appointed co-lead to WT5 is Annebeth Lange (.no): please reach out to her if you have any question or input.

- Tuesday 26 June, 10.50 – 12.00 room Salon 4

GDPR & WHOIS, WHOIS & GDPR, WHOIS and GDPR

A little late, but unsurprisingly, this ICANN meeting is stuffed with sessions related to the impact of the GDPR on WHOIS. While these policies have no direct impact on ccTLDs, they do reveal trends in the way governments and registrars are looking at these issues (so keep an eye on what's happening in the GAC). And obviously, anyone with an interest in gTLD management should take note.

The full list of sessions (cross-community and GAC related) is available in the GAC section of this report.



ccNSO Policy Development Process – PDP Retirement Working Group update

The goal of this PDP is to develop and recommend policies to the ICANN Board of Directors relating to the retirement of ccTLDs and the Review mechanisms for decisions relating to the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs.

These issues come down to two fundamental questions. The first one is: What happens to a ccTLD if the country it relates to changes its name or ceases to exist? (e.g. USSR or Yugoslavia). The second one is: What is the appeal mechanism if anyone disagrees with a decision from the ICANN Board? (e.g. refusal to add a new ccTLD to the rootzone).

The first step will be to develop a policy for the retirement of a ccTLD. The group will update the ccNSO on progress and there will be an educational session for the GAC (Thursday 28 June, 13.30 – 14.00) on the importance of the ISO-3166 list and how it is maintained.

- Tuesday 26 June, 10.50 – 12.00 room Salon 4

Other sessions of interest

Special European Council Elections: Q&A with candidates

As Nigel Roberts (.gg/.je) is leaving the ccNSO Council to join the ICANN Board later this year, the ccNSO is organising a special election to fill in the vacant seat. Nigel will be a hard act to follow, but the ccNSO came up with a candidate that will undoubtedly be able to contribute as strongly. Find out who that is at the following session:

- Tuesday 26 June, 13.30 – 14.00 room Salon 4

PTI session

Join this session for an update on PTI. Expect a summary of the recommendations from the review team, an update from the PTI team and an update from its Board. Time well spent, if only because panellists include CENTR alumni Lise Fuhr and Kim Davies along with Byron Holland, Peter Koch and Martin Boyle.

- Wednesday 27 June, 14.15– 15.00 room Salon 4

Strategic outlook trends identification session

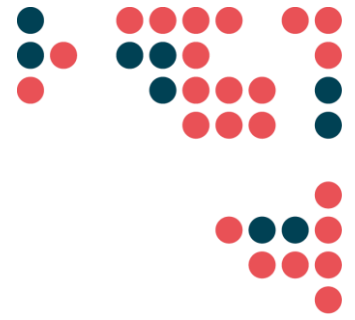
This is a joint effort between the ICANN organisation, the community and the Board to engage in a discussion on what the ccNSO sees as emerging trends in three broad areas: trends affecting the broader ICANN ecosystem (including stakeholders, the industry, other issues); ICANN organisation/operations; and the broader geo-political environment.

The ICANN Multistakeholder Support and Strategic Initiatives (MSSI) Team will present the twelve trends identified by the organisation in 2017 as a basis for discussion.

By the end of this brainstorming exercise, the group shall seek to reach consensus on five top priority trends to help inform ICANN on strategic and operational planning and work prioritisation.

This is a closed session but open to observers, which probably means that only SOP Committee members can speak up.

- Monday 25 June, 10.30 – 12.00 room Metropolis 3



GAC pre-report

Link to [ICANN61 GAC Communiqué San Juan](#)

ICANN62 GAC Communiqué Panama to be expected on 28 June (afternoon).

All GAC meetings take place in Salon 1-3. Commonwealth Meeting takes place in Salon 9. GAC pre-ICANN Capacity Building Workshop takes place in Salon 7.

With the recent addition of Ecuador following ICANN61, there are now 177 members and 36 observers.

Introduction

In the GAC agenda at ICANN62, two topics are of most relevance to ccTLDs: 1) GDPR and WHOIS discussion; 2) geographic names at the top-level. Both issues are also considered to be of high interest across many communities represented at ICANN, hence several cross-community and joint meetings are dedicated to discuss these in detail.

In addition to main sessions on GDPR/WHOIS and geo names, the GAC also plans to discuss ccTLD-relevant issues as part of its Capacity Building Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean Regions. GDPR discussions are also planned for the GAC Commonwealth Meeting, and as part of joint discussions with ALAC (see section “Other meetings of interest”).

Data protection and privacy

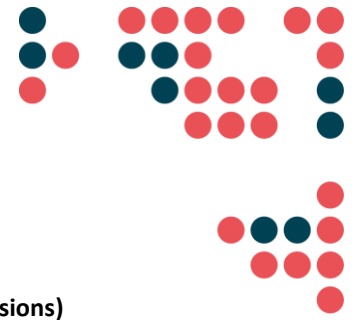
GDPR and its impact on the DNS community will be in spotlight during the upcoming ICANN62. In total, more than 5 sessions are dedicated to discussing GDPR in public forum. The ICANN Board has recently adopted the [Temporary Specification](#) for gTLD Registration Data (17 May 2018) to implement an interim compliance model for WHOIS. Key policy changes will be discussed in Panama. The key legal aspect of these discussions is the implications of GDPR on WHOIS (i.e. the type of data available and the use of that data). The [ongoing court case](#) on technical specifications of collecting technical and administrative data for registrations, filed by ICANN against German domain registrar EPAG, provides a point of reference to the discussions.

The goal of ongoing discussions is to get as much clarity and guidance as possible in order to be able to move to the final process of GDPR implementation, and to find consensus on a more permanent solution that balances data protection and access to data for legitimate purposes (such as for law enforcement).

For ccTLDs the relevance of the Temporary Specification for gTLD registration data lies within the possible guidance for local governments in further GDPR compliance. Any possible permanent solution for GDPR implementation that ICANN adopts can have a direct impact on those ccTLDs that offer back-end services for gTLDs.

GDPR Overview Discussion

- Monday 25 June, 11.00-12.00
- Tuesday 26 June, 08.45-09.45
- Wednesday 27 June, 09.15-10.15



Cross-Community Session on GDPR Compliance, Access to WHOIS and Accreditation (2 sessions)

- Tuesday 26 June, 15.15-16.45 (1 of 2)
- Tuesday 26 June, 17.00-18.30 (2 of 2)

Joint meeting with GNSO: Extended Policy Development Process (PDP) on the ICANN Temporary Specification for GDPR Compliance

- Tuesday 26 June, 11.30-12.30

High Interest Session: GNSO PDP on Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data

- Thursday 28 June, 17.00-18.30

High Interest Session: Discussion with the Registration Directory Service Review Team

The scope of work of [RDS-WHOIS2](#) includes assessing the effectiveness of the gTLD Registry Directory Service (WHOIS) and whether its implementation meets the legitimate needs of law enforcement, promoting consumer trust and safeguarding registrant data. During this session, the RDS-WHOIS2 Review Team will update the community on its findings.

- Monday 25 June, 17.00-18.30

Geographic names at the top level; country codes at second level

The issue of geographic names and indicators in the DNS is discussed as part of Work Track 5 of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP WG, in addition to being Cross-Community and a High Interest Topic during ICANN62. The idea of Cross-Community sessions is to gather as many views across ICANN community as possible regarding the issues of common interest. In the GAC context, the issue of top-level geographic names is important because it continues to raise “sovereignty and socio-economic concerns for many governments”. GAC is also planning to discuss the progress of the .amazon case.

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Work Tracks 1-5 (incl. GAC Geo Names WG)

- Monday 25 June, 14.00-15.00

Cross-Community Session: Geographic Names at the Top-Level (2 sessions)

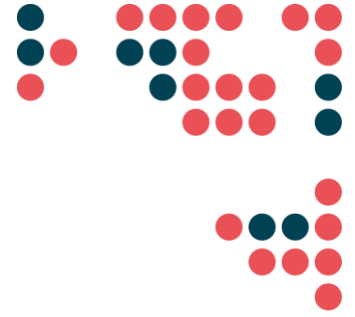
- Monday 25 June, 15.15-16:45 (1 of 2)
- Thursday 28 June, 15.15-16.45 (2 of 2)

Joint meeting with GNSO: GNSO PDP on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures: Work Tracks 1-4 and Work Track 5

- Tuesday 26 June, 11.30-12.30

Joint Meeting with ccNSO: Diversity of ccTLDs & Geographic Names as ccTLDs

- Tuesday 26 June, 14.00-15.00
- Thursday 28 June, 13.30-14.00



Other meetings of interest

GAC Capacity Building Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean Regions

Capacity Building Workshop is designed to cover multiple introductory topics into GAC and its role in ICANN, with a special focus on its relevance to Latin America. The workshop is a result of a partnership between the ICANN organisational team and the GAC, and is intended as an opportunity to introduce GAC members to how the GAC operates and conducts its business. In addition to operational issues of GAC, this full day workshop gives a glance into the topic of GDPR and the current status of WHOIS. Specific ccTLD session includes agenda points on role of the GAC and the ccNSO; delegation and redelegation, as well as Underserved Regions Working Group ccTLD FAQ. The workshop is intended to be a refresher into the GAC. In particular, the session about ccTLDs in the GAC context is highly recommended to all newcomers.

- Sunday 24 June, 08.30-17.00 ([full day session](#))

Personal Data Protection, GDPR and the current status of WHOIS

- Sunday 24 June, 12.30-13.00

ccTLDs current issues and the role of governments

- Sunday 24 June, 15.30-16.30

GAC meeting with ALAC

Agenda points include GDPR (one month later) and Geographic Names (Work Track 5).

- Wednesday 27 June, 11:30-12:30

GAC Commonwealth Meeting

Agenda points include discussion on GDPR and other key issues for the GAC.

- Thursday 28 June, 13.30-14.30

ICANN Accountability

Update on CCWG Accountability Work Stream 2 Final Recommendations (jurisdiction, diversity, human rights).

- Thursday 28 June, 11.15-11.45

Meeting with the ICANN Board

Normally, the GAC decides on a range of issues during their ICANN Board prep meeting.

- Tuesday 26 June, 9.45-10.15 (GAC & ICANN Board prep meeting)
- Wednesday 27 June, 10.30-11.30 (GAC & ICANN Board meeting)